

WILLIAM CARROLL KNOX

OCTOBER 28 (legislative day, OCTOBER 25), 1943.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. O'DANIEL, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 1290]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1290) for the relief of William Carroll Knox, having considered the same, report favorably thereon, with the following amendment:

Page 1, line 6, strike out the figures "\$188.20" and insert in lieu thereof the figures "\$186.65".

The purpose of the proposed legislation is to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to William Carroll Knox, of Winchester, Tenn., the sum of \$186.65, in full satisfaction of his claim against the United States for compensation for services rendered as United States commissioner at Winchester, Tenn., for the period from October 22, 1942, to November 23, 1942, inclusive.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The report of the Honorable Henry P. Chandler, Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, addressed to the chairman of your committee, states that Mr. Knox was last appointed as a commissioner for a term of 4 years beginning October 22, 1938, and expiring October 21, 1942. He was not reappointed and submitted accounts for fees for the quarter ended October 31, 1942, and for the period from November 1 to November 23, 1942. The General Accounting Office disallowed \$186.65 on the ground that after the expiration of his term of office on October 21, 1942, Mr. Knox was only a *de facto* and not a *de jure* commissioner, and that the services for which the fees were claimed were rendered while he was in this status. Mr. Chandler's report further states:

Such information as I have would indicate that the services for which Mr. Knox seeks compensation were actually rendered. Whether he should receive the normal compensation notwithstanding his lack of a *de jure* status would seem to be a question of policy for the Congress. If the Congress should be disposed to allow his claim * * * the correct amount is \$186.65 instead of \$188.20 as specified—

in the bill.

Your committee, having carefully considered the case, recommend favorable consideration of the proposed legislation, as amended.

Attached hereto is the report of the Honorable Henry P. Chandler, above referred to.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES COURTS,
Washington, D. C., July 15, 1943.

Hon. ALLEN J. ELLENDER,
Chairman of the Committee on Claims, United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

DEAR SENATOR ELLENDER: In response to your recent request for information in relation to a claim of Mr. William Carroll Knox, of Winchester, Tenn., referred to in a bill pending before your committee (S. 1290), I would say that the claim is for fees for services rendered by Mr. Knox as United States Commissioner in the Eastern District of Tennessee.

Our records show that Mr. Knox was last appointed as a commissioner for a term of 4 years beginning October 22, 1938, and expiring October 21, 1942. He was not reappointed. Mr. Knox submitted accounts for fees for the quarter ended October 31, 1942, and for the period from November 1 to November 23, 1942. The General Accounting Office disallowed \$23.75 on account of the first period, and \$162.90 on account of the second, making a total disallowance of \$186.65. The ground of the disallowance I am informed is that after the expiration of his term of office on October 21, 1942, Mr. Knox was only a de facto and not a de jure commissioner, and that the services for which the fees were claimed were rendered while he was in this status. Such information as I have would indicate that the services for which Mr. Knox seeks compensation were actually rendered. Whether he should receive the normal compensation notwithstanding his lack of a de jure status would seem to be a question of policy for the Congress. If the Congress should be disposed to allow his claim my information from his accounts presented is that the correct amount is \$186.65 instead of \$188.20 as specified on page 1, line 6, of the bill.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY P. CHANDLER.

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